GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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AMENDMENT TO PNDT ACT
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to amend the Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (PNDT) Act; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the provisions that are likely to be incorporated through amendments?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b): The Government has enacted the Pre-Conception & Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Act, 1994 (PC & PNDT Act) to check female foeticide in the Country. An exercise is on to amend the Act and the Rules/Regulations framed thereunder, in consultation with the stake holders and the Union Law Ministry, to further strengthen them, particularly the penal provisions the Act, on the basis of the experience gained so far.